1 ALEX R. KESSEL, ESQ. (State Bar No. 110715) LAW OFFICES OF ALEX R. KESSEL 2 15910 Ventura Blvd. **Suite 1030** 3 Encino, California 91436 4 Telephone: (818) 995-1422 Facsimile: (818) 788-9408 5 Email: KesselLawFirm@gmail.com 6 7 Attorney for Defendant, CAROLINE HERRLING. 8 9 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 10 FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 11 12 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CASE NO.: 2:23-cr-00059-MEMF 13 **DEFENDANT'S RESPONSE TO** Plaintiff, 14 **GOVERNMENT'S BRIEF ON THE** RIGHTS OF CRIME VICTIM MIRACLE 15 vs. **WILLIAMS** 16 CAROLINE HERRLING, DATE: February 9, 2024 17 TIME: 3:00 p.m. Defendant. **COURT: Courtroom of the Honorable** 18 Maame Ewusi-Mensah Frimpong, United **States District Judge** 19 20 TO THE HONORABLE MAAME EWUSI-MENSAH FRIMPONG, JUDGE OF 21 22 THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT: 23 Defendant CAROLINE HERRLING, by and through her attorney of record, Alex R. 24 Kessel, responds to the Government's Brief on the Rights of Crime Victim Miracle Williams as 25 follows: 26 1) Defendant has no objection to the Court hearing from any alleged crime victim. 27 28

- 2) Defendant contests the government's attempt to connect Robert Tascon's suicide with the conduct of the defendant.
- Defendant has been provided no evidence that Robert Tascon's death was a result of suicide.
- 4) Defendant would request the opportunity to address all issues related to Robert Tascon at the time of sentencing.
- 5) Defendant has always accepted responsibility for her criminal conduct.

DATED: February 1, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Alex R. Kessel

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